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PATENT Attorney Docket No. 101.0059-02000 Customer No. 22882

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) Confirmation No.: 4939
Gary K. Michelson)
Serial No.: 10/674,971) Group Art Unit: 3738
Filed: September 30, 2003) Examiner: David H. Willse
For: METHOD FOR INSERTING AN)
INTERBODY SPINAL FUSION)
IMPLANT HAVING AN) ·
ANATOMICALLY CONFORMED)
TRAILING END (as amended))

Mail Stop AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

In reply to the Office Action dated October 17, 2008, the period for reply having been extended for two (2) months by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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